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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was generally steady in the West, but barely steady to weak elsewhere. Demand following the weekend was mostly slow to fair, instances moderate into fast food and sports bars. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light and unaggressive, and usually limited to regular commitments. Availability of all parts was at least adequate to ample with discounts noted to help clear additional product. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

<u>Final Report</u> of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 13-MAR-2006 (cents per lb)

| | US GRADE A | | С | OMPOSIT | E | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--|--|
| <u>AREAS</u> | MAJORITY | WTD | LOADS | WTD | LOADS | | |
| | | <u>AVG</u> | | <u>AVG</u> | | | |
| Boston/New Er | ngland TFEWR | | : | 61.33 | 31 | | |
| Chicago | 51.00-54.00 | 54.10 | 41 : | 56.04 | 76 | | |
| Ohio Cities | TFEWR | | : | 55.26 | 21 | | |
| Denver | 75.50 | 75.25 | 14 : | 76.03 | 15 | | |
| Detroit | 52.00-55.00 | 54.75 | 8: | 56.24 | 54 | | |
| Los Angeles | 76.00 | 73.77 | 68 : | 70.96 | 150 | | |
| New York | 53.00-56.00 | 54.43 | 23: | 57.82 | 57 | | |
| Philadelphia | 52.50-54.00 | 52.82 | 11: | 53.52 | 22 | | |
| Pittsburgh | 52.00-55.00 | 53.55 | 11: | 60.94 | 57 | | |
| St. Louis | 52.50-52.75 | 52.23 | 20: | 54.39 | 34 | | |
| San Francisco | 76.50 | 75.27 | 33 : | 76.90 | 68 | | |
| Composite Weighted Average | | | | | | | |

Loads 03/13/06 Change/Last Wk 03/06/06 03/14/05 585 62.39 -.16 62.55 72.97

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

| <u>REGIONS</u> | <u>Majority</u> | Wtd Avg | <u>Loads</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Eastern | 58.00-59.00 | 58.64 | 32 |
| Central | 51.00-60.00 | 58.63 | 68 |
| Western | 55.00-64.00 | 60.81 | 36 |
| | Southeast Area FOB Do | ck Equivalent | |
| Mississippi | 66.00-69.00 | 68.05 | 89 |

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 68.50 cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

| | | MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| <u>LOADS</u> | RANGE | FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT |
| 1,114 | 51.00-70.00 | 67.27 |
| The Georgia f.o.b. dock | confirmed final | weighted average prices on |
| ice packed parts: | WTD AVG | VOLUME |
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 140.50 | 1,508 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 112.50 | 6,233 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 58.00 | 1,583 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 79.50 | 1,207 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 18.50 | 9,704 |
| WINGS | 97.50 | 3,128 |
| | | |

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest was light to fair at best entering the week as dealers limited orders to previous committments. Offerings were at least adequate to instances ample for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Tenders were clearing satisfactorily. Leg cuts and wings were at least adequate to readily available.

<u>SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS</u> Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand following the weekend was mixed, mostly slow to fair, with market conditions being monitored. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle limited trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best with all items at least adequate to ample and discounted to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Trading reported at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments, new negotiations were at unchanged to lower prices on heavy weights and unchanged to slightly higher on small sized WOGs. Offerings were adequate to ample. Heavy weights remained in the longest position. Buying activity was fair to fairly good, best where features planned. Retail demand was moderate overall, best to cover promotions. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 57.85 down 1.26, with the volume reported at 27 loads down 4 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices on whole broiler/ fryers generally unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The whole fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings more than sufficient for the cautious and limited trade inquiry. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, occasionally good into fast food and sports bars. Floor stocks were adequate to plentiful; sizes desirable to at times heavy. Parts supplies were fully adequate to ample and discounted; wings and boneless/skinless breast provided best call. The market tone was steady to weak on all parts.

<u>DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as no better than fair and was often limited to previous commitments. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights varied and were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to light and included some plant down time. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 54 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment remained weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, supplies were fully adequate to ample and in several instances offered at highly competitive prices to stimulate buyer interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

| | BRANDED U.S. GRADE A |
|------------------|----------------------|
| RANGE | 42-70 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | (A) |
| NO. OF BOXES | (A) |

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive entering the week as dealers were selective and limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate; boneless skinless thigh meat was readily available and slow to clear. Tenderloins were in good balance to well cleared. Leg cuts and wings were fully adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to mostly fair. The market tone was at least steady for tenders; other items were about steady to weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

| | CURRENT | WTD | VOLUME |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| ITEM NEGOTIAT | TED TRADING* | AVG** | /LBS |
| BREAST - B/S | 105-110 | 102.01 | 419,040 |
| TENDERLOINS | 95-100 | 96.72 | 83,000 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 57-58 | 60.66 | 100,000 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 57 | 58.11 | 81,000 |
| LEGS | 31-32 | 27.72 | 255,600 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 17-18 | 18.47 | 301,400 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 20-21 | 28.84 | 39,800 |
| THIGHS | 24-25 | 32.61 | 35,000 |
| B/S THIGHS | 71-72 | 72.85 | 76,760 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 81-82 | 84.21 | 151,320 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRI | PPED) 10-12 | 11.84 | 22,720 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 30-35 | 26.70 | 14,840 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 45-50 | 50.16 | 13,920 |
| INCLUDES NEW YORK CI | TY METROPOL | _ITAN AREA | A, NORTHERN |
| NEW JERSEY, MASSACHU | SETTS, CONNE | ECTICUT, RI | HODE ISLAND, |
| AND PENNSYLVANIA (NOF | RTHEAST OF H | ARRISBURG | €). |

^{*} TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (IN-CLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

| <u>ITEM</u> | LBS (000 |) RANGE | MAJORITY | WT. AVG |
|---------------------|----------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| BREAST - B/S | 1,354 | 79.00-177.0 | - 00 | 100.05 |
| TENDERLOINS | Т | OO FEW TO | REPORT | |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | T | OO FEW TO | REPORT | |
| FRONT HALVES | Т | OO FEW TO | REPORT | |
| LEGS | Т | OO FEW TO | REPORT | |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULF | ና) 1,840 | 13.00-17.0 | 0 14-15 | 14.76 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,400 | 15.00-20.0 | 0 16-20 | 16.57 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 782 | 59.00-144.0 | 0 83-94 | 84.17 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 304 | 16.00-37.0 | 0 17-20 | 19.46 |
| THIGHS | 1,002 | 19.00-39.0 | 0 19-20 | 19.52 |

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

| | Estimate | Actual | Avg Wts | Actual | Avg Wts |
|----------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | (1,000) | (1,000) | | (1,000) | |
| | 03/13 | 03/09 | 03/09 | 03/06 | 03/02 |
| Alabama | 4,113 | 3,902 | 5.32 | 3,712 | 5.30 |
| Arkansas | 5,146 | 5,068 | 5.07 | 5,297 | 5.15 |
| Delmarva | 2,008 | 2,203 | 5.65 | 2,164 | 5.66 |
| KY-LA-TN | 2,288 | 2,213 | 4.97 | 2,136 | 4.92 |
| Mississippi | 2,943 | 2,895 | 5.73 | 2,875 | 5.77 |
| North Carolina | 2,436 | 2,587 | 6.63 | 2,507 | 6.60 |
| Texas | 2,503 | 2,832 | 4.55 | 2,489 | 5.27 |
| Total | 21,437 | 21,700 | 5.37 | 21,180 | 5.48 |
| Mon | 21,437(A) | | | 21,180(| A) |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Mar 2005 is estimated to be 32,072,000 up 0.91 percent from a week ago, and up 1.7 percent from a year ago. (last week 31.783.000 last year 31.534.000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVA-LENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (IN-CLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

DOLINDS

| | POUND | 5 | | WID |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|--|---------------|
| <u>ITEM</u> | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | AVG |
| BREAST - B/S | 615 | 88.00-142.00 | - | 93.84 |
| TENDERLOINS | 240 | 90.00-145.00 | 95-98 | 111.33 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 106 | 52.00-60.00 | 54-58 | 55.64 |
| FRONT HALVES | TO | O FEW TO REP | ORT | |
| LEGS | 146 | 17.00-42.00 | - | 19.81 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK | <) 591 | 11.00-22.00 | 13-14 | 13.79 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,210 | 13.00-25.00 | 15-17 | 17.07 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 295 | 79.00-99.00 | 82-87 | 88.15 |
| WINGS (CUT) | 305 | 95.00-105.00 | 99-102 | 99.95 |
| DRUMSTICKS | TO | O FEW TO REP | ORT | |
| THIGHS | TO | O FEW TO REP | ORT | |
| B/S THIGHS | TO | O FEW TO REP | ORT | |
| WHOLE BODY INDEX B | ******** ASED 0 | N SOUTHERN S | ************************************** | ******* TS |

TRADING FOR MARCH 13, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE 34.50 - 42.00 36.56 37.36

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL. IN. IA. KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 13-MAR-2006 TO 17-MAR-2006, CENTS PER POUND

| | Price | Pe | er Lb. | Mostly | |
|----------------------------|-------|----|--------|----------------|---|
| BREAST - B/S | 82.00 | - | 112.00 | 89.00 - 103.00 |) |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 53.00 | - | 78.00 | 57.00 - 61.00 | į |
| LEGS | 25.00 | - | 35.00 | - | |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 13.00 | - | 27.00 | 18.00 - 20.00 |) |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 18.00 | - | 29.00 | 19.00 - 21.00 |) |
| DRUMSTICKS | 18.00 | - | 29.00 | - | |
| THIGHS | 22.00 | - | 22.00 | - | |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 68.00 | - | 106.00 | 90.00 - 96.00 |) |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 12.00 | - | 23.00 | - | |
| LIVERS | 30.00 | - | 49.00 | - | |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 40.00 | - | 59.00 | - | |
| | | | | | |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

| DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS | | | | | |
|---|-----|----|--|--|--|
| | RAN | GE | | | |
| | | | | | |

WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE 81-99 WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES 84.5-101.5

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

95-98 FRESH FRYERS 97-106 **ROASTERS 4# & UP** HENS UNDER 5# HENS OVER 5# 65-73

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

| | | RANGE |
|------------------|----------|--------------|
| FRESH FRYERS | DRY PACK | 114 |
| | ICE PACK | 89-105 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | DRY PACK | 118 |
| | ICE PACK | 100 |
| HENS OVER 5# | DRY PACK | 109 |
| | ICE PACK | 88-102 |
| DUCKS | | 185-190 |

^{**} WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

MARCH 10, 2006

80,000

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES— VOLUME —

(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT **FROZEN FRESH TOTAL EXPORT** 15% OR LESS RANGE 17.50 17.00-19.00 582,000 WTD AVERAGE 17.50 17.29 15-20% RANGE 12.75-21.00 13.00-15.00 1,588,000 988,000 WTD AVERAGE 16.58 13.87

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

14.00

14.00

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

MARCH 10, 2006

<u>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</u> —— PRICES —— VOLUME -

(Cents per Pound)

| FAT | (| | , | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|
| CONTENT 15% OR LESS | FROZEN | FRESH | TOTAL | EXPORT |
| RANGE WTD AVERAGE | | 16.00-17.00 16.83 | 122,400 | - |
| 15-20% RANGE WTD AVERAGE | 13.00-15.00 13.75 | 12.00-16.00 13.23 | 1,217,600 | 485,600 |
| 20% OR MORE RANGE WTD AVERAGE | - | - | - | - |

^{*} INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair to moderate at best for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

20% OR MORE RANGE

WTD AVERAGE

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-MAR-06 RANGE MAJORITY WTD

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 9.5-15.25 12-13 12.57
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN</u> Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate numbers of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-MAR-06

AVG AT FARM BUYER LOADING 9-15.25 11-13 12.39

RANGE MAJORITY

WTD

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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